

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Page 1, replace the section entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Application" with the following rewritten section:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This is a Division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/247,208 filed September 18, 2002, which is a Division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/578,464 filed May 25, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Ser. No. 09/207,908 filed on December 9, 1998 for AUTOMOTIVE PASSENGER RESTRAINT AND PROTECTION APPARATUS AND SEATBELT PROTRACTION AND RETRACTION AMOUNT-DETECTING DEVICE, the entire disclosures of ~~both~~ each of which are incorporated herein by reference.